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INFORMATIONAL LETTER NO.1690

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TO: Iowa Medicaid Integrated Health Homes (IHH) and Managed Care Organizations (MCOs)

FROM: Iowa Department of Human Services (DHS), Iowa Medicaid Enterprise (IME)

RE: Age of Adulthood for IHH Tier and Payment-Clarification

EFFECTIVE: Immediately

Informational Letter [No.1679](#)¹ issued on June 10, 2016, provided guidance regarding the age a member transitions from a child rate to an adult rate in an IHH. This Informational Letter provides additional clarification.

The IME claim payment process notes the member's age on the first day of the month. If the member is age 17 on the first of the month, then the IME considers the member to be 17 for the entire month for claim payment purposes, even though the 18th birthday will happen during the month. A child Per Member Per Month (PMPM) payment can be paid for this month. If the member is age 18 on the first of the month, then the IME will consider this member an adult for payment purposes; and only an adult PMPM can be paid for the month.

The IME Iowa Medicaid Portal Access (IMPA) system tier for the member must be in agreement with the member's age that the IME will use for payment purposes. If the two are not in agreement the claim billed to the IME will deny. All deadlines for updating IMPA continue as outlined earlier in Informational Letter No. [1599](#)².

Please note that there are no age restrictions placed on the members that can be served by an IHH. The IHH entities that employ the appropriate staffing for both child and adult services are able to serve both children and adults. If an IHH would like to continue to serve a member past age 18, the IHH will need to employ a Peer Support Specialist to provide services to the member. The department has determined that any IHH that decides to support both child and adult members have 90 days from accepting the member to have appropriate staff in place.

If you have any questions, please contact the Lori Palm, Health Home Project Manager at Lpalm@dhs.state.ia.us.

¹ https://dhs.iowa.gov/sites/default/files/1679_AgeofAdulthoodforIHHTieringandPayment.pdf

² https://dhs.iowa.gov/sites/default/files/1599_UpdatesforIntegratedHealthHomes.pdf